

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Apparently the examiner has renumbered original claims 20 and 22 to 19 and 20, respectively. The present amendment reflects that renumbering.

Applicants urge that Group I, claims 1 and 4-14, and Group II, claims 2 and 3, conform with Example 17 of Annex B of the PCT Administrative Instructions. According to that example, unity of invention exists between a protein and a DNA sequence encoding that protein. The Examiner has not explained how the present situation differs.

Claim 15 of Group III is directed to a fatty acid prepared by the method of producing the fatty acid as claimed in claim 9 of Group I. Such a relationship conforms to Example 1 of Annex B of the PCT Administrative Instructions. Similarly, claim 18 of Group III is directed to a triglyceride prepared by the method of producing the triglyceride as claimed in claim 12 of Group I.

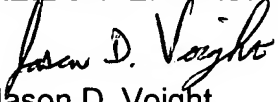
Claim 19 of Group IV is directed to a method of using the nucleic acid sequence of claim 1 of Group I in homology screening. Again, such a relationship would seem to conform to Example 1 of Annex B of the PCT Administrative Instructions.

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